



GWANDALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 16th September 2014
Term 3 Week 10

Gwandalan PS Important Dates.

Wed 17 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disco (You Can Do It Colours)• Healthy Harold concludes
Fri 19 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day of Term 3• Mufti – Footy Colours
Mon 6 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Holiday
Tues 7 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students return for Term 4
Fri 9 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final day for payment – Katoomba Excursion
Sat 11 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Fete
Tues 14 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katoomba Excursion departs• Blackbutt Excursion - Kindergarten

DISCO

Tomorrow night.

Years K-2 5pm – 6.15pm
Years 3-6 6.30-8pm
\$4.00 entry. Pay at door

Theme – You Can Do It Colours
Red Purple **Canary Yellow** Orange
Green

Canteen will be open.

We **WELCOME BACK** Jodie Parker from leave and thank Mrs Lane for doing a great job as Relieving School Administrative Manager and Mel Pattinson as Relieving School Administration Officer.

LAKE MUNMORAH HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

Many thanks to the families who attended the Information Session provided by staff from Lake Munmorah HS last Wednesday. The session was very informative and gave parents many positive aspects and subject choices to be offered to students attending LMHS in 2015 and beyond.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS ASSEMBLY

We welcome all families to attend this CAPA Awards Assembly this Thursday, 18th September from 9:30am.

NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN results not picked up by parents were distributed to students last Thursday. If parents want a detailed explanation then please make an appointment with class teachers in Term 4.

A summary of NAPLAN results is available from the office. Results will also be published in the Annual School Report.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Meehan family for the donation of a drum kit.

VACATION PERIOD

We trust that all families will have a relaxing holiday. Keep safe, get well and practice reading to keep the mind sharp. School grounds are out of bounds. Students and teachers return Tuesday, 7th October

SPRING FAIR

Sunday, 21st September from 10am

Venue: Park / Reserve behind Gwandalan Bowling Club

We are asking all families to support the Lions/Lioness Spring Fair to be held this Sunday.

Students from Gwandalan PS will be attending and it is our way of saying a big thank you to Lions & Lioness Clubs for their donations of over \$20,000 over the last 2 years.

YOU CAN DO IT!

This week students will be concentrating on developing the foundation skill of Resilience which is the colour **red**.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Aimee Abbott, Logan Bell, Kayla Studte and Tashana Holmes who represented the school at the inaugural LMG Spelling Bee last Wednesday morning. All students performed very well under a lot of pressure, with Aimee Abbott making it to the 3rd last round. Well done to all and keep the great efforts in spelling up.

CENTRAL COAST GATS CAMP

This week we have six of our students attending the Central Coast Gifted and Talented Camp at Point Wolstoncroft. They will be participating in a range of activities including Art, Mathematics, English, Drama, Sports exercise and Environmental Science. The selected students are Jet Williams, Tahsana Holmes, Lilly Andrews, Gabby Shaw, Delaney Baker and Tegan Jenkins. We wish them all the best.

MUFTI DAY (last day of term 3)

Friday 19th September. For a donation of a gold coin students can come to School in their favourite Football Team colours. Money raised is going to Kurtis Landers. Kurtis is 16 years old and played rugby league in the Foster area. Kurtis suffered a serious neck injury earlier this season and we would like to support him and his family through this difficult time.

2015 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Please return the enrolment forms with the necessary documents as soon as possible. Thank you.

P & C News.

Our **Fete** is on the 11th October. Don't forget to pre-purchase your children's unlimited ride armbands for only \$25 to be used on fete day. Money can be given to the office and the armbands will be issued in the week prior to the fete.

Thank you to the raffle ticket sellers at the 16ft Sailing Club at Belmont last Thursday and Friday evenings. We will announce our profit early next term.

P & C Profit

We are happy to announce that we made a total profit of \$1713.70 at the Fathers Day breakfast and the Fathers Day stall combined.

Thank you again for all your support.

EDUCATIONAL Website Trials.

As you may be aware, our school has been paying for your children to access the educational website: *Mathletics.com.au* to exercise mathematical skills, at a cost to the school of several thousand dollars each year. At the present time, until early December, we are trialling a couple of other educational websites: Zoowhiz by EdAlive and Kinetic Education. *Skoolbo.com.au*, from the creators of Mathletics, is also being given access to. These trials will help us decide who to use next year. Students are being given usernames and passwords for these sites at school, but these can also be accessed at home. Please find links to these websites in the "Student – Links" area of our website and information for parents about the Zoowhiz website: "How to use Zoowhiz at home".
Mr B. Martin – Computer Coordinator/Teacher

UNSW COMPETITION RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2014 UNSW Competition.

Some fantastic results were achieved! Well Done!

Writing

Credit: Tegan Jenkins

Spelling

Credit: Tegan Jenkins

Merit: Delaney Baker

Merit: Fletcher Payne

Science

Distinction: Jared Meehan

Merit: Taliah Handebo

Computers

Credit: Fletcher Payne

English

Distinction: Taliah Handebo

Credit: Aimee Abbott

Credit: Fletcher Payne

Merit: Tegan Jenkins

Canteen News

Great News!

A big thankyou to all the parents, students, teachers and volunteers who have supported the canteen this term by purchasing our freshly made healthy snacks and meals on Monday's. As a result of this support we are pleased to announce that the canteen will continue to operate on Mondays with the continued support of our regular volunteers Lyn Sant and Donna McCormack.

Lyn and Donna wish to invite Parents, Grandparents, careers and any extended family members interested in joining them in volunteering on a Monday. With this extra support, even if its only for an hour or two, the school canteen will be able to stay open on Mondays.

Every Monday is a special meals day, please look for updates via the school newsletter, website and the Skoolbag App in What's Cooking On Mondays!

A **New Fresh Summer Menu** will be sent home. Please note that some winter products have been deleted and new summer products added. **Woolworths** (Lake Munmorah) have kindly donated a fresh fruit and veggie box to be collected every Monday, which is fantastic for the children. If you know of any other local companies who would be willing to donate healthy products, please contact Lyn or Donna via the school front office or visit them at the canteen. All donations would be greatly appreciated as it all counts towards keeping a healthy canteen open for the students.

School Disco Canteen the canteen will be open this Wednesday for the school disco. There will be meal deals available for \$4.00 and can be ordered and paid for before the disco. Your choice of either:

- A small pie, sauce, drink and a treat
- A small sausage roll, sauce, drink and a treat
- A small hot dog, sauce, drink and a treat.

Items can also be purchased individually.

Canteen volunteers will also receive a new calendar for their volunteered days.

Thankyou so much for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Finally we are introducing a "CODEWORD" in the newsletter this week. Students have been asked to come to the canteen on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week and tell us the "codeword" and in return they will receive a FREE HEALTHY FRESH SNACK SAMPLE. We wonder how many will remember? **This weeks codeword is "FRESH"**. Thankyou again for your continued support. Donna McCormack, Lyn Sant and Megan Jackson.



WEEK 4

Social and emotional learning: Suggestions for families – Part 4

Provide opportunities to play with others

Playing with other children provides practice in important social skills such as sharing, taking turns and cooperation. Help children develop their skills by praising their appropriate play behaviour, for example: "I noticed how nicely you shared your toys. That made it fun for both of you."

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

SYDNEY NORTH REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Monday 8th September four of our students travelled down to Homebush for the Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival. As always the competition was fierce and our competitors once again represented our school with distinction.

Results are as follows:

Charlotte Lowe

1st 11 years girls 800m.

13th 11 years 200m, 11th 11 years High jump

Troy Hayward- 12th 11 years Shot Putt

Natasha McDonald- 18th 11 years Discus

Cooper Tippet- 24th 8 years 100m.

Another outstanding results for Charlotte Lowe who will now continue on to run at the NSW PSSA athletics carnival after winning the regional 800m event. A wonderful result considering our region is one of the most competitive in athletics.

NSW PSSA Athletics carnival will be held at Homebush on 15 & 16 October. We wish Charlotte all the best and we know she will continue to represent the school with quality performances.

A big thank you to all the parents, family and friends who supplied transport and support on the day.

Well done to all students who attended the event.

Regards- Mr Vine (Sports Coordinator)

Assembly Awards Week 9		
K/1A	Alice Rockwell	Painting a beautiful sunset in Art
	Marlee Waddell	Creative drawings of frogs in Art
	Harrison Davis	Being organised and helpful in the classroom
	Blaze McCrory	Being a motivated learner in the classroom
1S	Jacinta Cruise	Effort and Improvement in Mathematics
	Olivia Bell	Neat, careful handwriting
	Isaac Davy	An Excellent Harbour Bridge
	Grace Bell	An Excellent Harbour Bridge
1/2W	Tyler Blake	Fantastic Recount of the Book Parade
	Molly Pittman	Fantastic Recount of the Book Parade
	Kyiah Kakahi	Lovely, neat bookwork
	Kayedince Siebenlist-Conroy	Improvement in Spelling
2K	Sharlotte Lewis	Writing excellent book reviews
	Mackenzie Sheppard	Improvement in Mathematics
	Nevaeh Wilkinson	Trying hard to improve reading
	Joshua Jamieson	Excellent Spelling results
You Can Do It Awards		
Getting Along		Annie watmore
Organisation		Zachary Wilberforce
Persistence		Brayden Kennedy
Confidence		Kira Whitney
Resilience		Hannah Inwood

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Wed 17 th Sept	Marg Elsy
Thurs 18 th Sept	Marg Galligar
Fri 19 th Sept	Adam Honey